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VALUATION OF ALTON.

Real estate, No. of acres, 35,605; value,		\$396,068 00
Personal estate, including polls,		118,652 00
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Total value,		\$514,720 00
		Average Value.
Polls,	No.	Value.
Horses,	394	\$39,400
Oxen,	314	18,940
Cows,	245	12,775
Neat stock,	394	9,498
Sheep,	489	9,474
Hogs,	461	1,377
Carriages,	67	378
	16	1,185
		74 06
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Stock in banks and other corporations,		\$ 5,000 00
Money on hand and at interest,		6,875 00
Stock in trade,		11,650 00
Mills and machinery,		2,100 00
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Whole amount of taxes raised,		\$9,168 60
State tax,		\$1,212 00
County tax,		1,722 38
School tax,		1,560 50
Town tax,		1,075 00
Schoolhouse tax,		100 00
Percentage,		249 40
Highway tax,		3,000 00
Percentage,		88 32
Dog tax,		161 00
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Whole amount of taxes,		\$9,168 60
Tax on poll, money, \$1.15. Highway, \$.60.		

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

Whole amount of taxes charged to Collector Varney,	\$9,168 60
1887.	
Mar. 1, Cash in treasury,	\$ 614 24
July 9, " of George S. Bassett, by note,	400 00
" for rent of town hall,	4 50
Oct. 17, " of Eben Hayes, by note,	600 00
" railroad tax,	388 44
" savings bank tax,	1,764 94
" literary fund,	170 20
1888.	
Feb. 24, " city of Dover,	108 00
	————— \$4,050 29
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	\$13,218 89

EXPENDITURES.

Paid I. W. Lougee, printing town reports,	\$ 22 10
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	6 95
P. H. Wheeler, return of births and deaths,	9 50
E. B. Lane, stationery,	1 55
P. H. Wheeler, return of births and deaths,	4 50
State tax,	1,212 00
County tax,	1,722 38
Samuel D. Hill, watering trough, 1887,	3 00
John N. Avery, "	1887,
David T. Brooks, "	1886-7,
J. A. Mooney, "	1887,
F. B. Coffin, "	1887,
C. G. Drew, "	1887,
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	\$2,999 98

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Charles P. Hayes, labor on highway, 1886,	\$ 2 75
Eben Hanson, damage by dogs, 1886,	4 00
J. W. Howard, "	3 50
C. E. Hodgdon, "	4 00
Charles Brooks, damage on highway,	35 00
C. V. Coffin, decoration money,	75 00
W. M. Foss, blacksmith work,	6 63
Town of Farmington, use of road machine,	13 00
George H. Straw, damage to plow,	2 50
George W. Place, lumber,	49 58
J. P. Hussey, repairs to plows,	7 05
C. H. Downing & Co., supplies for highway districts,	3 36
J. Jones & Son, supplies for highway districts,	6 79
Jeremiah Woodman, lumber,	26 16
A. B. Lang, "	6 58
Ezekiel Hayes,	15 40
George W. Berry, fitting wood for town house,	1 25
Stephen C. Wentworth,	35 55
L. Woodman, for lumber,	4 51
L. Woodman, dog damage,	2 00
W. B. Jenness, "	4 80
" labor on highway,	2 00
Tobias Berry, labor on town house,	2 87
Paid C. G. Drew, labor on highway,	3 00
S. H. Flanders, dog damage,	3 00
Edmund Stone, labor on highway,	6 67
C. D. Marsten, damage to horse, Feb., 1887,	10 00
S. J. Dealand, dog damage,	4 00
George S. Bassett, note and interest,	415 40
Hiram W. Edgerly, per bill,	40
D. H. Morrison,	3 00
E. H. Rollins,	2 10
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	\$761 85

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid P. H. Wheeler, medical aid to Arthur Smith,	\$ 6 25
Joseph Dore, aid to S. E. Dudley,	9 00
George E. Varney, aid to S. E. Dudley,	12 25
A. G. Ellis, aid to Biah Foss,	10 00
D. P. Evans, " "	18 00
P. H. Wheeler, medical aid to Jane Stevens,	4 50
" " D. E. Garland,	11 50
" " Biah Foss,	4 50
Town of Farmington, aid to D. B. Clough,	67 04
E. A. Coffin, aid to Jane Stevens,	6 75
S. E. P. Gilman, "	3 00
Ivory J. Chamberlin, aid to D. B. Clough,	5 50
C. V. Coffin, aid to Mary H. Nutter,	24 00
P. H. Wheeler, medical aid to Mary H. Nutter,	6 00
George W. Place, aid to Emma Peavey,	4 50
" " Levi B. Glidden,	6 75
George F. Savage, aid to transient,	2 00
D. E. Wheeler, "	9 50
C. H. Downing & Co., aid to D. E. Garland,	82 67
" " C. H. Jones,	50 33
J. Jones & Son, aid to Mary H. Nutter,	78 00
" " D. E. Garland,	27 74
" " Jane Stevens,	19 83
" " Ira M. Rollins,	3 10
" " Biah Foss,	4 82
" " John Varney,	2 95
" " Frank Clark,	3 00
" " S. E. Dudley,	3 90
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	\$487 38

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid School Board, for schools,	\$2,073 09
Due schools, in treasury,	\$263 38
Amount of summer highway taxes worked,	\$3,477 61
" expended for breaking roads,	2,553 51
Abatement of taxes, 1887,	47 08

WINTER HIGHWAY WORK FOR YEARS 1886-7.

J. K. & F. E. Granville,	\$38 02
John Berry,	10 50
John Seavey,	50
Allen Roberts,	7 42
R. B. Hurd,	19 75
Eben Hayes,	12 05
Jona. McDuffee,	12 10
A. J. Varney,	2 67
Oran French,	14 60
W. A. Wallingford,	13 88
A. B. Lang,	18 60
S. Durgin,	1 62
J. L. Gerrish,	4 80
S. O. Wallingford,	2 00
Charles Wallingford,	9 76
G. W. Colbath,	4 25
A. B. Flanders,	22 85
W. Buzzell,	10 09
E. N. Hinkley,	3 89
C. H. Flanders,	15 34
U. A. Lamprey,	7 94
O. A. Flanders,	9 17
G. B. Ames,	4 34
L. G. Page,	78
E. Stone,	21 09
H. O. Tuttle,	12 80
J. M. Colbath,	7 12
W. J. Evans,	2 25
Josiah Dearborn,	20 25
C. H. Tebbetts,	11 25
A. P. Ross,	81
Enos G. Rollins,	69 00
Lester McDuffee,	9 37
L. M. Rollins,	3 12
S. Shagnon,	6 87
J. L. Cooley,	3 75
J. W. Currier,	2 38
Hanson Evans,	2 50

Ezekiel Hayes,	\$25 96
William Hayes,	14 91
S. D. Hurd,	13 03
Jeremiah Jones,	1 87
H. J. McDuffee,	5 00
C. C. Mooney,	17 12
J. P. Dore,	75
C. K. Rollins,	7 64
Charles Rollins,	11 50
J. C. Varney,	5 37
Geo. E. Varney,	2 57
B. Whitehouse,	8 00
H. E. Hayes,	1 69
D. T. Brooks,	25 11
G. W. Place,	29 13
C. V. Coffin,	13 69
G. E. Nute,	6 35
G. F. Savage,	6 31
D. E. Clough,	1 59
S. C. Wentworth,	2 96
S. E. Furber,	10 90
Jones & Hayes,	13 33
A. G. Ellis,	40 75
B. L. Frohock,	48 50
E. G. Ellis,	8 75
D. Lamper,	45 62
J. D. Flanders,	8 80
William Jones,	4 62
D. B. Morse,	56 50
William Willard,	37
Israel Sawyer,	3 62
C. E. Hodgdon,	17 87
Andrew Varney,	8 00
John Tufts,	4 72
S. Tufts heirs,	2 60
H. Woodman,	80
Thomas Varney,	30 00
J. J. Nutter,	9 37
C. L. Place,	9 12
L. B. Place,	31 50

C. P. Hayes,	\$30 75
B. F. Furber,	24 75
Andrew Huckins,	18 68
I. J. Chamberlin,	5 00
D. S. Chamberlin,	16 08
S. E. Roberts,	29 66
F. A. Adams,	14 12
J. A. Johnson,	17 34
D. Hayes,	2 19
Allen Varney,	4 80
Alonzo S. French,	3 15
J. E. Glidden,	3 14
G. P. Miller,	4 50
B. L. Blaisdell,	3 68
L. S. Nute,	1 05
G. W. Berry,	1 99
Wm. McIntire,	62
A. S. Peavey,	12
A. C. Rollins,	62
M. M. Hurd,	62
Nathan Chesley,	43
A. M. McDuffee,	84
M. Bennett,	1 12
A. H. Hayes,	8 62
J. A. Mooney,	4 75
E. A. Coffin,	11 56
P. D. Gooch,	5 00
S. E. P. Gilman,	89 86
Nathaniel Stevens,	15 22
Eli Brown,	2 00
Dana Bradley,	4 39
C. Pinkham,	3 55
A. J. Pinkham,	2 67
G. Goodall,	2 63
H. I. Dolby,	4 85
C. H. Downing,	4 10
T. D. Varney,	50
S. D. Watson,	50
J. N. & G. W. Morrison,	37 02
Samuel Morrison,	20 00

D. H. Morrison,	\$38 32
J. W. Howard,	27 15
L. A. Proctor,	34 00
G. H. Straw,	13 75
G. H. Seward,	3 93
E. F. Goodwin,	1 00
J. Q. Adams,	13 07
Charles Barr,	6 62
Alonzo Berry,	8 50
J. H. Evans,	8 87
Charles Getchell,	14 75
Charles Adams,	1 38
C. C. Rines,	3 75
E. Durgin,	1 95
F. Getchell,	4 38
E. S. Batchelder,	17 25
J. M. Lamprey,	4 56
J. E. Smith,	.3 75
Jonas Sleeper,	18 25
Calvin Rollins,	19 25
S. E. Rollins,	16 00
Arthur Smith,	50
F. B. Coffin,	50 11
E. I. Coffin,	2 37
C. H. Clough,	3 71
Wm. S. Watson,	22 85
H. J. Glidden,	10 85
J. S. Morse heirs,	23 00
I. B. Gilman,	18 37
B. P. Marsten,	13 87
C. D. Marsten,	10 25
Moses Flanders,	4 25
S. C. Walker,	6 67
C. B. Twombly,	7 06
Alvah Young,	10 13
J. C. Young,	3 25
Moses Young,	4 37
C. E. Young,	2 87
A. W. Young,	25
G. W. Gerrish,	10 56

Albert Ellis,	\$ 3 62
Hiram Clark,	1 25
E. R. Cate,	15 25
J. A. Cate,	9 63
Josiah Nason,	61 75
C. W. Rollins,	12 62
H. B. Ricker,	8 12
T. G. Ricker,	4 00
Mary J. Jones,	11 69
J. E. Berry,	10 15
W. H. Berry,	4 31
E. Hanson,	20 39
J. F. Hanson,	20 39
S. J. Deland,	13 87
J. W. M. Kimball,	43 88
D. Watson,	5 15
L. E. Avery,	24 56
C. W. Dore,	5 12
C. S. Glidden,	30 50
H. A. Flanders,	31 30
S. S. Gilman,	28 12
O. D. Glidden,	7 50
Clark Perkins,	9 34
T. T. & F. T. Collins,	22 18
A. J. Gilman,	39 50
C. A. Perkins,	26 00
G. A. Rollins,	96
L. F. Johnson,	3 11
Ira M. Rollins,	12 75
B. F. Lucas,	14 62
C. B. Rines,	5 37
L. F. Woodman,	5 68
W. A. Chamberlin,	16 14
Sumner Cotton,	9 65
W. P. Trask,	18 37
D. S. Lougee,	14 75
Mary P. McDuffee,	5 27
S. D. Hill,	6 81
Horace Wells,	5 25
A. N. Nutter,	2 25

Joseph Watson,	\$ 5 00
A. S. Davis,	5 56
Joseph Prescott,	5 62
E. O. Prescott,	12 31
Charles Hayes,	4 37
J. W. Hayes,	5 62
J. C. Clough,	4 37
C. F. Rand,	5 50
F. H. Furber,	9 68
J. Woodman,	20 50
C. G. Drew,	9 62
O. E. Davis,	20 00
William H. Hayes,	1 25
J. C. Page,	2 75
H. A. Garland,	5 18
J. H. Hayes,	1.00

	\$2,553 51

ACCOUNT OF HERBERT J. JONES, FIRST
SELECTMAN.

1887.

Mar. 12, one day appointing town treasurer,	\$ 2 00
30, two days preparing inventory blanks,	4 00
April 2, two days taking inventory,	4 00
6, three days "	6 00
8, two days entering inventory,	4 00
15, five days entering and footing inventory,	10 00
20, four days making taxes and preparing collector's book,	8 00
21, one day returning inventory to state,	2 00
May 14, one-half day, journey to Gilmanton, pauper case,	1 00
Aug. 18, one-half day, journey to Farmington, pauper case,	1 00
Sept. 10, one-half day drawing jurors,	1 00
26, one day drawing winter orders,	2 00
Nov. 4, one day drawing summer orders,	2 00

Nov. 5, one day drawing summer orders,	\$ 2 00
12, " "	2 00
Dec. 10, one day drawing jurors and regulating juror box, 1888.	2 00
Feb. 14, one day drawing orders,	2 00
15, " "	2 00
16, one day making county bills,	2 00
25, one day making and posting warrant,	2 00
Mar. 1, three days drawing jurors and making town reports,	6 00
Car fare and expenses out of town,	3 69

	\$70 69

ACCOUNT OF CHARLES H. DOWNING SECOND
SELECTMAN.

1887.

Mar. 12, one day appointing town treasurer,	\$ 2 00
29, one day preparing inventory blanks,	2 00
30, " "	2 00
April 2, two days taking inventory,	4 00
6, three days "	6 00
8, two days entering inventory,	4 00
15, five days entering and footing inventory,	10 00
16, one day making taxes,	2 00
20, three days making taxes and preparing collector's book,	6 00
21, one day returning inventory to state,	2 00
May 27, recording inventory,	10 00
Sept. 10, one-half day drawing jurors,	1 00
26, one day drawing winter orders,	2 00
Nov. 4, one day drawing summer orders,	2 00
5, " "	2 00
12, " "	2 00
Dec. 10, one day drawing jurors and regulating 1888. juror box,	2 00
Feb. 14, one day drawing orders,	2 00
15, " "	2 00

Feb.	16,	one day making county bills,	\$2 00
	25,	one day making and posting warrant,	2 00
Mar.	1,	three days drawing jurors and making town reports,	6 00
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			\$75 00

**ACCOUNT OF IVORY J. CHAMBERLIN, THIRD
SELECTMAN.**

1887.

Mar.	12,	one day appointing town treasurer,	\$2 00
	30,	two days preparing inventory blanks,	4 00
April	2,	two days taking inventory,	4 00
	6,	three days “	6 00
	8,	two days entering inventory,	4 00
	15,	five days entering and footing inventory,	10 00
	20,	four days making taxes and preparing collector's book,	8 00
	21,	one day returning inventory to state,	2 00
May	4,	one-half day delivering agents' books,	1 00
June	24,	one-half day at Alton Corner to settle with Charles Brooks,	1 00
Aug.	27,	one-half day to examine road in district No. 28,	1 00
	29,	one half day to examine road in district No. 28,	1 00
Sept.	10,	one-half day drawing jurors,	1 00
Nov.	5,	two days drawing orders,	4 00
Dec.	10,	one day drawing jurors and regulating juror box,	2 00
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Feb.	15,	two days drawing orders,	4 00
	25,	one day making and posting warrant,	2 00
Mar.	1,	three days drawing jurors and making town reports,	6 00
Paid for horse hire,			12 50
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			\$75 50

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Herbert J. Jones, selectman,	\$71 69
Charles H. Downing, "	75 00
Ivory J. Chamberlin, "	75 50
Jeremiah Jones, town treasurer,	35 00
Percy S. Jones, town clerk,	42 45
Oliver J. M. Gilman, school board,	40 00
Phineas H. Wheeler, "	40 00
Andrew Varney, collector,	145 00
John C. Clough, auditor,	2 50
Charles Rollins, "	5 00

	\$532 14

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures,	\$2,999 98
Miscellaneous,	761 85
Paupers,	487 38
Abatements,	47 08
Schools,	2,073 09
Officers,	532 14
Highway work, summer,	3,477 61
" winter,	2,553 51
 Total expenditures,	 \$12,932 64

Whole amount of taxes and receipts,	\$13,218 89
" expenditures,	12,932 64

Cash in treasury,	\$286 25
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LIABILITIES.

Due schools,	\$263 38
Dog tax,	143 38
Due on notes outstanding against town,	613 50
 Outstanding bills, by estimation,	 50 00

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Cash assets,	\$286 25
Notes due town,	166 91
Due from Belknap county,	110 43

\$563 59

Total liabilities,	\$506 49
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HERBERT J. JONES, } Selectmen
 CHARLES H. DOWNING, } of
 IVORY J. CHAMBERLIN, } Alton.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, finds it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CHARLES ROLLINS, Auditor.

March 1st, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH RECEIVED.

1887.

Mar. 19,	to amount received of L. S. Nute,	\$614 24
June 11,	to cash received of Andrew Varney, collector,	155 00
18,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	19 00
20,	" " H. J. Jones,select- man,	4 50
July 2,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	28 00
9,	" " H. J. Jones,select- man,	400 00
18,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	85 00
Aug. 27,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	90 00
Sept. 24,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	50 00
Oct. 1,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	54 00
15,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	180 00
17,	" " H. J. Jones,select- man,	600 00
22,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	145 00
Nov. 2,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	200 00

Nov.	21,	to cash received of Andrew Varney, collector,	\$100 00
Dec.	1,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	350 00
	14,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	100 00
	17,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	125 00
	19,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	50 00
	Dec. 31,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	200 00
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Jan.	7,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	175 00
	14,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	40 00
	19,	" " H. J. Jones, select- man, railroad tax,	388 41
	19,	" " H. J. Jones, select- man, savings bank tax,	.
	19,	" " H. J. Jones, select- man, literary fund.	1,764 94
Feb.	1,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	170 20
	15,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	75 00
	18,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	100 00
	22,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	180 00
	24,	" " H. J. Jones, select- man,	90 00
	29,	" " Andrew Varney, collector,	108 00
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			\$6,904 24

CASH PAID OUT.

1887.

Mar.	19,	to paid David H. Morrison, per order,	\$ 3 00
	19,	" Ellsworth H. Rollins, "	2 10
	19,	" I. W. Lougee, "	22 10
	23,	" Charles P. Hayes, "	2 75
	23,	" J. B. Sanborn, "	6 95
April	9,	Eben Hanson, "	4 00
	12,	P. H. Wheeler, "	15 75
	14,	Joseph W. Howard, "	3 50
	18,	E. B. Lane, "	1 55
	21,	I. J. Chamberlin, selectman,	40 00
	21,	Mrs. Joseph Dore, per order,	9 00
	26,	N. Stevens, member of school board,	100 00
	27,	Geo. E. Varney,	12 25
June	11,	N. Stevens, member of school board,	31 55
	17,	N. Stevens, member of school board,	170 00
	25,	Chas. Brooks, per order,	35 00
	27,	Alfred G. Ellis, "	10 00
	30,	N. Stevens, member of school board,	285 00
July	9,	C. H. Downing, selectman,	35 00
	18,	N. Stevens, member of school board,	136 00
	29,	N. Stevens, member of school board,	100 00
Sept.	2,	C. V. Coffin, per order,	75 00
Oct.	3,	D. P. Evans, "	18 00
	28,	P. H. Wheeler, member of board, school,	250 00
Nov.	5,	Wm. Foss, per order,	6 63
	8,	D. C. Mellows, selectman, per order,	67 04
	16,	P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	50 00
	19,	P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	225 00

Nov. 29,	to paid P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	\$ 25 00
Dec. 15,	" D. C. Mellows, selectman, per order,	13 00
16,	" P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	164 00
17,	" E. A. Coffin, per order,	6 75
17,	" P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	31 00
Oct. 18,	" half county tax,	861 19
Dec. 24,	" Geo. Straw, per order,	2 50
24,	" C. E. Hodgdon, per order,	4 00
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Jan. 2,	" Geo. W. Place, per order,	56 33
6,	" P. H. Wheeler, member school board,	233 00
16,	" state treasurer, state tax,	1,212 00
19,	" S. E. P. Gilman, per order,	3 00
31,	" P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	100 00
31,	" P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	78 00
Feb. 15,	" I. J. Chamberlin, per order,	5 50
15,	" John P. Hussey, "	7 05
15,	" C. V. Coffin, "	24 00
16,	" Geo. W. Place, "	4 50
16,	" G. F. Savage, "	2 00
16,	" D. E. Wheeler, "	9 50
16,	" C. H. Downing & Co., "	136 36
16,	" J. Jones & Son, "	150 13
17,	" W. B. Jenness, "	6 80
17,	" S. D. Hill, "	3 00
17,	" John N. Avery, "	3 00
17,	" T. Berry, "	2 87
17,	" balance county tax,	861 19
21,	" D. T. Brooks, per order,	6 00
23,	" J. A. Mooney, "	3 00
25,	" F. B. Coffin, "	3 00
28,	" P. H. Wheeler, "	6 00
28,	" "	20 50

Feb.	28,	to paid P. H. Wheeler, per order,	\$ 4 50
	28,	P. H. Wheeler, member of school board,	94 54
	28,	C. G. Drew, per order,	6 00
	28,	S. H. Flanders, "	3 00
	28,	Edmund Stone, "	6 67
	29,	Ivory J. Chamberlin, "	35 50
	29,	S. J. Dealand, "	4 00
	29,	Percy S. Jones, "	42 45
	29,	C. D. Marsten, "	10 00
	29,	C. H. Downing, selectman,	40 40
	29,	H. J. Jones, selectman,	71 69
Mar.	1,	J. Jones, treasurer,	35 00
	1,	G. S. Bassett, note and interest,	415 40
	1,	P. H. Wheeler, per order,	40 00
	1,	O. J. M. Gilman, "	40 00
	1,	Charles Rollins,	5 00
	1,	John C. Clough,	2 50
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			\$6,617 99
Cash received,		\$6,904 24	
Cash paid,		6,617 99	<hr/>
Cash in treasury,		\$286 25	

JEREMIAH JONES, Treasurer.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account,
and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CHARLES ROLLINS, Auditor.

March 1, 1888.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In conformity with the requirements of the public Statutes, the school board take pleasure in transmitting their second annual report.

The whole amount of money raised by tax for the support of schools was \$1,560.50; amount of literary fund, \$181.76; amount of railroad tax appropriated for support of schools, \$94.71; dog tax, \$106.75; entire amount of school revenue, including one hundred dollars raised for repairs, \$2,043.72; unexpended balance of the appropriation for the year ending March 1st, 1887, \$230.53; total, \$2,274.25. The expenses for the year have been \$2,063.96. The expenditures include: Teachers' salaries, including board, \$1,852.90; fuel, \$70.95; repairs, \$116.03; miscellaneous, \$24.08. There have been thirty-five terms of school during the year, taught by nineteen different teachers, one male and eighteen females. Whole number of different scholars registered, 234; number that studied arithmetic, 189; algebra, 24; grammar, 81; geography, 105; history, 16; physiology, 24; geometry, 15; reading and spelling, 234.

SCHOOL No. 1. Morrison.

Summer term of ten weeks taught by Miss Carrie A. Burke. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9. The winter term of nine weeks was taught by

Miss Emma Brewster of Wolfeboro'. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10.

SCHOOL NO. 2. Stockbridge Corner.

Summer term of ten weeks taught by Miss Laura A. Straw. Number of scholars registered, 13; average attendance, 11. Winter term of ten weeks taught by Arthur P. Dolby. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8.

SCHOOL NO. 3. Bennett.

One term of twelve weeks, Miss Helen P. Goodwin, of Dover, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 5.

SCHOOL NO. 4. Village.

Mr. James B. French had charge of the summer term, and Miss Abbie E. Cate, of Wolfeboro', the fall and winter terms. Each term was eight weeks in length. Whole number of scholars registered for the first term, 28; average attendance, 25; second term, 24; average attendance, 21; third term, 21; average attendance, 17.

The primary department has continued in charge of Miss Clara M. Chesley. Whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 31.

SCHOOL NO. 5. Gore.

Two terms of ten weeks each, taught by Miss Sadie Brewster of Wolfeboro'. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13.

SCHOOL NO. 6. Clough.

Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Clara A. Ayers. Whole number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6. Fall term taught by Miss Edith V. French. Length of term, eight weeks.

SCHOOL No. 7. McDuffee.

Summer term of nine weeks taught by Miss Emma L. Brewster of Wolfeboro'. Number of scholars registered, 13; average attendance, 12. Winter term of seven weeks taught by Miss Luella Crockett. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 12.

SCHOOL No. 8. Cove.

One term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Gertie B. Glidden of Gilford. Whole number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4.

SCHOOL No. 9. Gilman's Corner.

Summer and fall terms both taught by Mrs. Julia A. Tuttle. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. Length of each term, nine weeks.

SCHOOL No. 10. Bay.

Summer term of ten weeks taught by Miss Lillie M. Bickford. Number of scholars registered, 22; average attendance, 19. Fall term of ten weeks also taught by Miss Bickford. Whole number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 24.

SCHOOL No. 11. East Alton.

Mary A. Varney, teacher. Summer term, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7. Fall term, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9.

SCHOOL No. 12. Mountain.

Summer term of ten weeks taught by Miss May C. Osborne at the lower schoolhouse. Whole number of

scholars, 17; average attendance, 15. Winter term was commenced by Miss Sadie Brewster in the upper schoolhouse and continued nine weeks, when, in consequence of sickness, she was obliged to give up her school. The rest of the term was finished by Miss Lillie M. Bickford.

SCHOOL No. 13. Loon Cove.

Summer term, Miss Sadie Cate, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10. Fall term, Miss Lillian J. Gleason, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. The first term was nine weeks and the second ten weeks.

SCHOOL No. 14. Varney.

Fall term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Luella Crockett. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9.

SCHOOL No. 15. West Alton.

Summer term of six weeks taught by Oscar A. Flanders. Fall term of seven weeks taught by Miss Laura E. Brown. Both terms were kept in the upper schoolhouse. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. Winter term of eleven weeks, at the lower schoolhouse, taught by Miss Laura E. Brown. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9.

SCHOOL No. 16. Lang.

Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Luanna M. Hurd. Fall term of four weeks taught by Arthur P. Dolby. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10.

In the opinion of your committee, the schools, for the most part, have made excellent progress, yet we regret to say that in some instances they were not what could be desired, or what they should have been. During the year a larger number of changes than usual have taken place among the teachers. Some have removed from town and entered upon other scenes of labor, while others have been transferred from one school to another. In the grammar school, Mr. Richardson resigned his position early in the spring, and James B. French was elected to supply the place thus left vacant. Mr. French resigned in September and was succeeded by Miss Abbie E. Cate, of Wolfeboro'. Miss Emma Brewster was transferred from the McDuffee school to the Morrison school, in place of Miss Berry, who resigned. Miss Crockett was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the transfer of Miss Brewster. Miss Sadie Cate, of the Loon Cove school, resigned her situation in September, and Miss Lillian J. Gleason filled the vacancy. Misses Jones, Rollins and Furber, who taught the Lang, Bay and Mountain schools last year and resigned their positions, were succeeded respectively by Misses Hurd, Bickford and Osborne. The other schools, with one or two exceptions, have been taught by the same teachers as last year. While we are pleased to say that in no instance has death entered into the ranks of our teachers, we are grieved as we remember that the same exemption from death has not been granted to the committee. One of our most valued members has been taken from us. Nathaniel Stevens, a member of the school board for the last two years, died on the 22d day of September, after a short illness, aged 58 years. Mr. Stevens had been a teacher in our public schools for many years, and was a man of excellent scholarship, of clear mind and sound reason.

Attendance at school during the year past has in general been good, except in two or three instances. The most lamentable deficiency was found to exist in the grammar school, during the last half of the last term of the year. From the report submitted by the teacher, Miss Cate, it was found that the number belonging to the school was twenty-one. The number found by the committee at the close of the term was only ten. Now where are we to look for the cause of this? If the lessons given out by our teachers were long and difficult to learn, and danger to physical health were incurred by too close mental application, we might here find a reason. But such is not the case. We are of the opinion, however, that one great trouble is the too ready compliance of parents with their children's wishes. If they want to stay at home on account of the teacher's mode of discipline, or want to work in the shop, they are allowed to do so. This is wholly wrong. If our school advantages are worth anything at all to us, they are worth improving. When school is in session, school matters are the most important, and it would seem that parents, knowing the advantages of an education, would prize it so highly as to be unwilling to have their children stay out of school a day without some valid cause. We commend this subject to the respectful attention of parents. Of the various branches taught in the schools, reading has received more than the usual attention, and in some schools it has not been merely an exercise, but a study. Writing has been practiced to a large extent in every school. The books shown at the close of the terms gave evidence of much improvement. To write a good hand is an accomplishment of which any boy or girl may justly feel proud. The registers show a list of 107 names of scholars who have not been absent or tardy a half day of a term. We feel highly gratified at

the interest manifested by parents and citizens in visiting the schools; it will encourage the teacher and stimulate the scholars to greater earnestness in their work. The number recorded is 372, or 100 more visits than made last year. We wish all parents would visit their schools two or three times during each term and form their judgments from their own observations. They can then see whether good and proper discipline is maintained, and can learn of the advancements made as in no other way. We wish briefly to call your attention to the length of the schools. You will recollect that last year each term was about eight weeks, while this year the average has been ten weeks, showing an increase of school privileges for the town of about fifty-four weeks. The coming year there will be no dog tax for the support of schools, and the literary fund will be considerably less than last year, and we hope no mistaken idea of economy will tempt you to make any reduction in your appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

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